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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response Under Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in reply to the Final Office Action dated September 1, 2004 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

Yours very truly,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Final Official Action dated September 1, 2004, which carried the normal shortened-statutory period for response of three months so that a reply would be due by December 1, 2004.

It is requested that the following amendments to the claims be entered:

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